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SUBJECT: CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF GERMAN PHARMACEUTICAL
FIRM AND SWISS SUBSIDIARY
REFERENCE: STATE 281019 - 23 NOV 1977
MUNICH 04437 - 28 DEC 1977
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1. AS PART OF A CONTINUING INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THE
DISTRIBUTION OF UNAPPROVED ;NEW DRUGS, IN THE U.S., FDA
HAD REQUESTED SEVERAL DEPARTMENT OF STATE POSTS TO ASCER-
TAIN THE CORPORATE STRUCTURE, AND OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS
OF 2 FIRMS. THE FIRM CURRENTLY UNDER CONTINUING INVEST-
IGATION IS MUCOS EMULSIONSGESELLSCHAFT MIT BESCHRAENKTER
HAFTUNG, NOERDLIC;E MUENCHNER STRASSE 20, D-8022 GRUENWALD,
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

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2. MUNICH 04437 INDICATED THAT FIRM WAS FOUNDED BY KARL
RANSBERGER IN 1947 AS A SINGLE OWNER FIRM. THE FIRM
BECAME A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IN 1957 WITH SOLE OW;ER
AND MANAGER BEING KARL RANSBERGER.

3. INVESTIGATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS
HAVE REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

(A) KARL RANSBERGER IS NO LONGER ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRM,
(B) THAT ALAN BLAIR, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IS CURRENTLY
PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM,
(C) THAT MUCOS FRANCHISES IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE ARE
SUBSIDIARIES OF A MUCOS LICENSED FIRM: INTER PHARMA, S.A.,
A SWISS CORPORATION, ADDRESS AND LOCATION NOT KNOWN.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING FACTS, FDA REQUESTS
CONCERNED POSTS TO OBTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND
DOCUMENTS, IF POSSIBLE :

(A) THE ADDRESS (LOCATION) OF SWISS FIRM INTER PHARMA, S.A.
(B) COPIES OF THE CORPORATE CHARTERS OF MUCOS AND INTER
PHARMA, S.A. (ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND TRANSLATION)
(C) COPIES AND TRANSLATIONS OF PERTINENT GERMAN AND SWISS
STATUTES REGULATING CORPORATIONS AND DEFINING THE RELATION-
SHIPS BETWEEN SUBSIDIARIES, LICENSEES, ETC.
(D) A LIST OF THE CURRENT OFFICERS OF BOTH MUCOS AND
INTER PHARMA.

5. FDA HAS BEEN ADVISED BY ALAN BLAIR THAT MUCOS WAS
ESTABLISHED BY A PROFESSOR HAUBOLD AFTER WWII. THIS IS
CONTRARY TO FOREGOING INFORMATION AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH
2 THAT KARL RANSBERGER STARTED THE COMPANY. FDA WISHES
TO HAVE THIS MATTER CLARIFIED.

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6. FDA WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH INFORMATION AS POSTS MAY BE
ABLE TO DEVELOP AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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